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SUBJ: MBFR: AD HOC GROUP INTERIM REPORT TO THE NAC ON  
THE FURTHER EXCHANGE OF DATA

AT ITS FEB 22 MEETING, THE AD HOC GROUP APPROVED THE FOLLOWING  
INTERIM REPORT TO THE NAC ON THE STATUS OF EFFORTS BY WESTERN  
NEGOTIATORS TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN C-M(78)7  
REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A FURTHER EAST-WEST EXCHANGE  
OF MILITARY MANPOWER DATA.

BEGIN TEXT:  
MBFR DATA

1. SECTION II OF C-M(78)7 OF 3 FEBRUARY PROVIDING GUIDANCE  
TO THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE CONDUCT OF THE FURTHER DATA DISCUSSION  
STATED THAT, IF THE GROUP'S DEPLOYMENT OF THAT GUIDANCE DID  
NOT LEAD TO THE DESIRED RESULTS, THE GROUP WOULD WISH TO  
AVAIL ITSELF AT THE LATEST OF THE NEXT BRIEFING OF THE COUNCIL  
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THREE WEEKS LATER TO RECOMMEND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.  
IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO POSTPONE THE AD HOC GROUP'S ORAL REPORT,  
WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE ON 24 FEBRUARY, THE GROUP IS SENDING  
THIS INTERIM WRITTEN REPORT COVERING THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE  
DATA EXCHANGE WITH THE EAST DURING THE PERIOD 3-22 FEBRUARY.

2. WESTERN NEGOTIATORS DECIDED TO DEPLOY C-M(78)7 IN SUCH A

WAY AS TO EXTRACT FROM IT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE. IN ORDER TO MOVE THE DISCUSSION FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THE GROUP GAINED EASTERN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT TWO INFORMAL MEETINGS A WEEK.

3. AT THE FIRST INFORMAL ON 7 FEBRUARY, THE EAST FIRMLY REJECTED WESTERN PROPOSALS IN THAT SESSION FOR AN EXCHANGE OF DATA WITHOUT AGREED STATEMENTS OR WITH ONLY A SHORT DISCLAIMER. WESTERN NEGOTIATORS OFFERED SUCCESSIVELY:

(A) ON 7 FEBRUARY, TO ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE THAT THERE COULD BE AGREED STATEMENTS; AND WESTERN NEGOTIATORS TABLED A REVISED TEXT CONFORMING TO COUNCIL GUIDANCE, EXCEPT FOR POINTS B AND C BELOW:

(B) ON 14 FEBRUARY, TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE EASTERN 25 OCTOBER PROPOSAL IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 3; AND

(C) ON 21 FEBRUARY, TO INCLUDE THE LANGUAGE IN C-M(78)7 TO BE USED BY A WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2.

4. THE EASTERN REACTION TO THESE MOVES WAS:

(A) TO INSIST THAT THE WEST SHOULD ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED IN THE 14 DECEMBER STATEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SECRET

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SENTENCE OF SECTION2;

(B) TO OFFER TO DROP THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF SECTION 3 OF THE DRAFT STATEMENTS REFERRING TO THE EASTERN 25 OCTOBER PROPOSAL ON CONDITION THAT THE WEST ACCEPTED THE EAST'S TEXT FOR THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2; AND

(C) TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED DISCLAIMER IN SECTION 4.

5. AT THE LATEST INFORMAL MEETING ON 21 FEBRUARY, THE EAST'S IMMEDIATE REACTION TO THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY THE WEST FOR THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2 WAS NEGATIVE. EASTERN NEGOTIATORS CLAIMED THAT THE WEST HAD BEEN UNCONSTRUCTIVE AND WERE SEEKING TO "DESTROY" THE 14 DECEMBER TEXT. WESTERN NEGOTIATORS HAVE ASKED EAST TO PROVIDE ITS CONSIDERED REACTION TO THIS LATEST WESTERN PROPOSAL AT THE INFORMAL MEETING ON 23 FEBRUARY.

6. WESTERN NEGOTIATORS, DURING THE INFORMAL MEETING OF 21 FEBRUARY, MANAGED TO SECURE PROVISIONAL EASTERN AGREEMENT TO OTHER CHANGES TO THE TEXT PROPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL GUIDANCE, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS ONLY ON CONDITION THAT THE WEST WOULD ACCEPT THE EAST'S VERSION OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2.

7. AFTER THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERED EASTERN REACTION TO THE  
WESTERN PROPOSAL ON SECTION 2 AND, IF THIS REACTION IS NEGATIVE,  
WESTERN NEGOTIATORS HAVE HAD AN OPPORQCCSLHWFUSCERTAIN WHETHER  
OR NOT THE EAST IS PREPARED TO COME FORWARD WITH ALTERNATIVE  
DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR THIS SECTION TO MEET WESTERN CONCERNs,  
THE AD HOC GROUP WILL PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH A CONCLUSIVE  
REPORT ON ITS EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST TO  
EXCHANGE ADDITIONAL DATA ON THE BASIS OF C-M(78)7. THE GROUP  
EXPECTS TO BE IN A POSITION TO DO THIS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW  
WEEKS. END TEXT. RESOR

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